



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Gahanna, Ohio;

The City of Gahanna will be conducting hydrant maintenance and flushing beginning September 1, 2005. Flushing will be conducted weekdays between 8a.m. and 3p.m.

The City will be divided into quadrants (see *map*) with flushing beginning in the northeast quadrant (South of Morse Road, East of Hamilton Road, North of Havens Corners Road and West of Reynoldsburg New Albany Road) on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Once finished crews will move into the northwest quadrant (West of Hamilton Road, South of Morse Road and North of Granville Street) followed by the southwest quadrant (South of Granville Street / US 62, West of Hamilton Road), and finishing up in the southeast quadrant (South of Havens Corners Road, East of Hamilton Road) of the City by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Specific locations will be updated daily on the City's webpage at [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov) and will also be posted at City Hall or you may call 614-342-4000.

Hydrant flushing is done to ensure all City hydrants and water lines are operating properly and will be usable during a fire emergency. Hydrant flushing may cause discoloration of your household water in or near the areas being tested which is a result of iron deposits being disturbed during the flushing process. Iron deposits can build up inside pressure tanks, water heaters and water pipes. It occasionally breaks loose, causing rusty water to flow when faucets are first opened. This happens especially when city or household water lines are disturbed (e.g., moved, replaced, back flushed, or repaired) and rust breaks loose from old pipes.

Customers are advised to check their water for signs of discoloration prior to doing laundry. If you notice discoloration in the water, let it run until it clears before doing laundry, usually this takes less than five minutes. If laundry appears stained, keep the articles wet and rewash them using a rust removing compound such as ROVER or RID which is sold at your local home improvement or department store. Do not use bleach on stained laundry as it will "set" the stain. City Hall will maintain a stock of ROVER at no charge for anyone who experiences discoloration while doing laundry. City Hall office hours are Monday through Friday from 8a.m. until 5p.m.

For additional information regarding the effects of iron on laundry you may visit <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/5000/5539.html>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the flushing process, please call the City of Gahanna Department of Public Service at 614-342-4005.

**Your water is completely safe to drink at all times during the hydrant flushing process.**



CITY OF GAHANNA

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## **FLUSHING SCHEDULE FALL 2005**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 9<sup>th</sup> - Zone 1**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> thru September 16<sup>th</sup> - Zone 2**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> thru September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Zone 3**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup> - Zone 4**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> thru October 7<sup>th</sup> - Zone 5**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> thru October 14<sup>th</sup> - Zone 6**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> thru October 21<sup>st</sup> - Zone 7**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> thru October 28<sup>th</sup> - Zone 8**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> thru October 28<sup>th</sup> - Zone 9**

